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REF: MUELLER/KING TELECON OF AUGUST 21

TO: KENNETH MUELLER,
AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL,
20 EAST 46 STREET
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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROSPECT OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL VISIT

TO TUNISIA IN LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER TO PURSUE PREPARATIONS
FOR PLANNED DECEMBER 5 FORUM IN NEW YORK, AND TO RESEARCH FURTHER
POSSIBILITIES IN FISHING, EARLY MARKET FRUITS AND VEGETABLES,
LIVESTOCK FEEDING AND POULTRY.

2. IN COOPERATION WITH USAID COLLEAGUES, WE ARE TRYING TO DO
A QUICK EVALUATION IN RESPECT TO AMERICAN BUSINESS POTENTIAL IN LAST
TWO AREAS. OUR FIRST REACTION IS THAT BOTH SHOULD OFFER GOOD
POSSIBILITIES BECAUSE OF HIGH PRIORITY BEING ASSIGNED UNDER
FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ACHIEVING SELF SUFFICIENCY IN MEAT AND EGG
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PRODUCTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT FINAL TEXT OF PLAN
CALLS FOR RISE IN MEAT PRODUCTION FROM 95,000 METRIC TONS
IN 1976 TO 137,000 METRIC TONS IN 1981 AND EGG
PRODUCTION FROM 136 MILLION UNITS TO 671 MILLION
UNITS IN 1981. CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON
FORAGE CROP AND SPECIALISED FEEDING AS WELL AS TO
IMPROVED PASTURAGE. IN RESPECT TO ANIMAL FOOD, PLAN

PROJECTS 5.4 MILLION DINAR (\$12.0 MILLION) INVESTMENT IN
PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK FEED.

3. WE ASSUME MEMBERSHIP OF GROUP VISITING HERE WILL BE
SELECTED BOTH FOR SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST AND TO
ASSURE MOST EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
TUNISIAN COUNTERPARTS.

4. BY SOME TIME NEXT WEEK, WE WILL BE SENDING YOU
FURTHER PARTICULARS IN RESPECT TO LIVESTOCK FEEDING AND
POULTRY.

BEST REGARDS, BARRINGTON KING, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I.

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
TUNIS, TUNISIA.
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